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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Erik K. Jurvis

Serial No.: 09/925,096

Filed: August 8, 2001

For: Siding System Component For Receiving
A Utility Related Structure And Related
Method

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Response

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Letter, Paper No. 2, dated November 20, 2002, Applicants
respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 12, 15 and 19 as follows:

a) 1. (Amended) In a siding system including (at least one siding strip) having a first
receiver, said siding strip partially covering an external wall of a building or dwelling, a
component for intended use in covering at least an exposed portion of the wall and receiving a
first portion of a utility-related structure, said siding system comprising: